DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are arguing.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I am asking a question, Sir. May I know whether the Chief Engineer is entitled to spend the money allotted for new works in the Quilon Division for 1107 and execute this work?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Under the rules, with the permission of Government, when necessary, he can do it.

Construction of culverts and bridges on the Nuranad-Pandalam road.

29. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any estimate has been prepared for the construction of culverts and bridges on the Nuranad-Pandalam road *via* Kudasanad, which was improved by the people of the locality at high cost and with great difficulty;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date on which the estimate was ready and the further action taken for the execution of the work; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, why no action has been taken on the requisitions made by the people and the representation made at the Assembly?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for the work was received from the Chief Engineer on the 5th July 1931 and it is being considered by the Government.

(*c*) This does not arise.

Kuzhiyavil chira, Adur.

30. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any proposal at any time to widen and improve the Kuzhiyavil *chira* near the English High School at Adur; and

(*b*) if so, why that has not been done yet?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) If the member refers to the Putiyakavil *chira* which is situated on the 60th mile of the M. C. road near Adur, there is a proposal to improve this *chira* and there is a provision of Rs. 300 in the Preliminary Budget for 1107 (item 149, Part II of the Detailed Budget Estimate under P. W. D. Works).

(*b*) The work was not done for want of funds

Quantity of local paddy left unsold.

31. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether they have information as to whether any portion of the paddy produced in this country is lying unsold at present (27-11-1106) ; and

(*b*) if so, the quantity thus left unsold ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) The question does not arise, in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : The Government say that the information is not available. I desire to know whether they propose to collect that information ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : That will be a very difficult operation.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Does the member mean that it is impossible to get that information ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It is not worth the trouble, that is what I mean.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Is the member aware that there is a demand from different sources that restriction must be put on the import of rice in this country ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : May be.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : There is a demand from different sources that some restriction should be placed on the import of rice.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : That is noted.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Does the member think there is no likelihood of that information being collected ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : If the member is very particular to know the quantity of paddy imported, that matter will be considered. But the Land Revenue Commissioner thinks that it is not worth the trouble.

Cost of sheds put up in the premises of the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall for Council and Assembly meetings in 1105.

32. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the cost on account of the construction of temporary sheds in the premises of the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall in connection with the meetings of the Legislative Council and the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly in the year 1105 ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Rs. 1,612 Chs. 5 and cash 9.

Applications for the posts of Honorary Physicians and Surgeons during 1103-1105.

33. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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